

VZCZCXRO1642
RR RUEHBZ RUEH DU RUEHGI RUEHJO RUEHMA RUEHMR RUEHPA RUEHRN RUEHTRO
DE RUEHYD #0838 2781056
ZNR UUUUU ZZH
R 051056Z OCT 09
FM AMEMBASSY YAOUNDE
TO RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC 0326
INFO RUEHZO/AFRICAN UNION COLLECTIVE

UNCLAS YAOUNDE 000838

SIPDIS

E.O. 12958: N/A

TAGS: [PINR](#) [BBSR](#) [ECON](#) [AO](#)

SUBJECT: RUSSIAN BUSINESS PRESENCE IN CAMEROON (C-CI9-01825)

REF: STATE 88241

[1](#)1. (U) Responses are prepared according to reftel.

[1](#)A. (U) There is no official Russian trade representative in Cameroon.

[1](#)B. (U) There are no major Russian companies operating in Cameroon.

[1](#)C. (U) While Russia used to import cocoa and agricultural products from Cameroon and export cars and fish during the Soviet era, trade now is almost zero between Russia and Cameroon and revenue is negligible.

[1](#)D. (U) There are two or three private trade agents operating in Cameroon, representing ten small Russian companies, primarily trading wood, cocoa and coffee. Trade is declining due to the difficult business atmosphere in Cameroon and insurmountable levels of corruption.

[1](#)E. (U) Cameroon and Russia are not seeking increased trade with each other.

[1](#)F. (U) There are 120 Russians residing in Cameroon according to the Russian Embassy.

Peterson